

Package ‘tweet2r’

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tweet2r-package	<i>Access to Twitter Streaming API via R and perform a exploratory space-time analysis</i>
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Description

A package base on [streamR](#) package which provides a set of functions that allow R users to access Twitter's stream API. The package [tweet2r](#) has a function to capture tweets using Twitter streaming API two functions to export the tweets to PostgreSQL , Sqlite shp, GML or KML get Tweets as SpatialPointDataFrame, DataFrame, a function to get a summary of the tweets retrieved and a exploratory space-time analysis. Also there is a function to validate the JSON files where the tweets has been stored

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See Also

[streamR](#), [tweet2r](#), [t2pgis](#), [t2sqlite](#), [t2gis](#), [tsubset](#), [tglm](#), [theatmap](#), [tspan](#), [t2summary](#), [t2DataFrame](#), [t2SpatialPointDataFrame](#),

t2DataFrame	<i>Parse tweets from JSON files and import to R</i>
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Description

A function to parse JSON files containing tweets stroed using the function [tweet2r](#). Tweets are stored as a data.frame ready to be use within R.

Usage

```
t2DataFrame(fileprefix)
```

Arguments

fileprefix	File prefix for JSON files where tweets has been stored after harvesting. If tweets have been retrieved with the tweet2r function it should be the same fileprefix name.
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Value

tweets Return harvested tweets with [tweet2r](#) as a `data.frame`.

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See Also

[tweet2r](#), [streamR](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
#json file prefix names  
fileprefix="tweets"  
  
#function to parse tweets from JSON file and import to R  
tweets<-t2DataFrame(fileprefix)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

t2gis	<i>Export Tweeter with geotagg in Sqlite table to KML, shapefiles or GML</i>
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Description

This functions import geotagged tweets as `SpatialPointDataFrame` from a Sqlite database containing the tweets and export it in a GIS format

Usage

```
t2gis(dbname, export)
```

Arguments

dbname	It is the Sqlite Database name where the tweets are stored. Sqlite is embedded in R within the package <code>RSQLite</code> . Sqlite database have no field extension. More information about SQLite it its web page.
export	Export the tweets stored in the sqlite database to shape file, GML or KML. It imports only the geotagged tweets. The options are; <code>shp</code> (by default option), <code>kml</code> , <code>gml</code> . Note that only will be exported if there are geotweets.

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See Also

RSQLite, t2sqlite

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
#File prefix name for json files and also the name of the database  
dbname=tweets  
#export option to a GIS format  
export="shp"  
  
t2sqlite(dbname, export)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

t2pgis	<i>Set up parameters to JSON parsing and export it to a postGIS database.</i>
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Description

This function parse the JSON files (as is defined in [streamR](#) package). Once is parsed export it to a database format the timestamp column and creates to tables one with all the tweets and other only with geotagged tweets.

Usage

```
t2pgis(fileprefix, con)
```

Arguments

fileprefix	Setup file prefix for JSON files. If tweets have been retrieved with the tweet2r function it should be the same. Te file prefix is used to create the table name and the geotagged table which has geo as a prefix (example "geofileprefix")
con	postGIS connection parameters. For more information look at RPostgreSQL

Note

It is mandatory to configure the connection to the database. The procedure is well described at RPostgreSQL package

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See Also

RPostgreSQL, [streamR](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

#create a postgres connection
connection <- con <- dbConnect(PostgreSQL(), host="url's host",port=5432,
                             user="user", password="assword", dbname="pgistweets")
fileprefix="tweets"

t2pgis(fileprefix, connection)

## End(Not run)
```

t2SpatialPointDataFrame

Extract geotagged tweets stored as a data.frame

Description

A function to create a [SpatialPointsDataFrame](#) with only the tweets with lat lon columns filled. Not all the tweets are geotagged. Tweets should be subset from the original data.frame to get only tweets with coordinates.

Usage

```
t2SpatialPointDataFrame(tweets)
```

Arguments

tweets A [data.frame](#) with tweets.

Details

Tweets data.frame can be created with the function [t2DataFrame](#)

Value

geotweets Return geotagged tweets as a [SpatialPointsDataFrame](#).

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See Also

[tweet2r](#), [t2DataFrame](#), [sp](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

#tweets data.frame
tweets="tweets"

#function to extract only geotagged tweets a SpatialPointsDataFrame
geotweets<-t2SpatialPointDataFrame(tweets)

## End(Not run)
```

t2sqlite	<i>Export TweeterJSON files to sqlite database and import to R as a Data Frame</i>
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Description

Export Json files retrieved with [tweet2r](#) to a Sqlite database and import tweets as a Data Frame.

Usage

```
t2sqlite(fileprefix, import)
```

Arguments

fileprefix	Setup file prefix for JSON files. If tweets have been retrieved with the tweet2r function, it should be the same name. The file prefix is used to create the table name and the geotagged table which will have geo as a prefix (example "geofileprefix"). By default the database file will be save in the working directory with no file extension name. Sqlite is embedded in R within the package RSQLite. More information about SQLite it its web page.
import	TRUE to import the tweets stored in the Sqlite database to R. It can be imported as a data frame with all the tweets retrieved with the function tweet2r . FALSE to not import as Data Frame

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See Also

RSQLite, [tweet2r](#), [valjson](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
#File prefix name for json files and also the name of the database  
fileprefix=tweets  
  
t2sqlite(fileprefix, import, export)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

t2STIDF	<i>Create objects of class STIDF</i>
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Description

Creates an object of class STIDF from geotweets. A class for unstructured spatio-temporal data; for n spatial locations and times, n observations are available .

Usage

```
t2STIDF(geotweets)
```

Arguments

geotweets Geotagged tweets as a SpatialPointsDataFrame.

Value

sttweets A STDIF object.

Author(s)

Pau Aragó

References

Pebesma, Edzer. «Spacetime: Spatio-Temporal Data in R». Journal of Statistical Software 51, n.º 7 (2012). doi:10.18637/jss.v051.i07.<https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v051i07>

See Also

spacetime, [tweet2r](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
#Create STDIF object
t2STDIF(geotweets)

## End(Not run)
```

t2summary	<i>Summary from retrieved tweets</i>
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Description

Summary and graphical output from the tweets retrieved with the [tweet2r](#) package. The function performs a short description numerical and graphical.

Usage

```
t2summary(tweets, geotweets)
```

Arguments

tweets	Data frame with the tweets retrieved with tweet2r
geotweets	Spatial data frame with the geotweets retrieved with tweet2r

Value

summt	Number of tweets (geo and non geo) as 'ntweets', number of tweets with geotag as 'ngeotweets', number of tweets whit no geotag as diftweets, percentage of geotweets as 'pergeotweets'
mapt	Tweets' location Map
ghour	Plot of the number of tweets distributed by hour (UTC +000)
gweekday	Plot of the number of tweets distributed by days of the week (UTC +000)

Author(s)

Pau Aragó Galindo

See Also

[tweet2r](#), [t2sqlite](#), [t2pgis](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
t2summary(tweets, geotweets)  
  
#get summary description  
summary  
  
## End(Not run)
```

tglm

Generalized Linear Model for tweets

Description

A fast time analysis. This function was done to get an exploratory time analysis base on a Generalized Linear Model (GLM), The function is based on [glm](#) function from. [glm](#) performs a GLM counting the tweets by hour, day, or week of the day. The results of this function is a `glm` object and the count of the tweets.

Usage

```
tglm(tweets, countby, family)
```

Arguments

tweets	Tweets harvested using <code>tweet2r</code> as <code>DataFrame</code>
countby	Tweets are count by default by weekday, also can be count by hour. Other options are "days" and "weekdays"
family	Available GLM family model in the function glm

Value

tglm	glm object
countout	Tweets count by as the <code>countby</code> option

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See Also

[glm](#), [tweet2r](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
myglm<-t2glm(tweets, "day", "poisson")

## End(Not run)
```

theatmap

Plot a heat map from geotweets or SpatialPointsDataFrame

Description

Plot a heat maps base o 2d density estimation

Usage

```
theatmap(geotweets, vpoints=FALSE)
```

Arguments

geotweets	Geotagged tweets as a SpatialPointsDataFrame or a SpatialPointsDataFrame.
vpoints	By default FALSE. TRUE option will plot tweets points over the density map.

Details

This funtion is base on [ggmap](#). It is a fast way to plot a density map, actually it can work with any SpatialPointsDataFrame. To customize your output, more information is available in the [ggmap](#) documentation page <https://cran.r-project.org/package=ggmap>

Note

It works only with small region if you have tweets for all over the world it won't work properly. To get a subsample of the geotweets for a specific region use [tsubset](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[tsubset](#), [tweet2r](#), [ggmap](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
theatmap(geotweets)

## End(Not run)
```

tspan	<i>Exploratory point pattern analysis.</i>
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Description

This function is design to provide an exploratory point pattern analysis. Is base on [spatstat](#) package a to do a basic point pattern analysis of Homogeneous an Inhomogeneous Poisson.

Usage

```
tspan(geotweets,bw, cont, acontour)
```

Arguments

geotweets	Geotagged tweets as a SpatialPointsDataFrame or a SpatialPointsDataFrame.
bw	Bandwith for Kernel Smoothed Intensity. Note that if you are using directly geotweets comming from tweet2r and t2SpatialPointDataFrame units are degrees.
cont	FALSE by default, geotweets bounding box provide the countour. If TRUE a countour must be provided
acontour	Optional. A Spatial object with a defined bbox.

Details

In order to do a wider point pattern analysis is better to use directly the [spatstat](#) package

Value

tweetspphp	Simpliest Object of class"ppp"representing a point pattern dataset in the two-dimensional plane with no marks, (ppp)
hp	Homogeneous Poisson fitted point process model to an observed point pattern (ppm).
ihp	Inhomogeneous Poisson fitted point process model to an observed point pattern (ppm).
int	Computed kernel smoothed intensity function from a point pattern. (density.ppp).

Author(s)

Pau Aragó

References

Baddeley, Adrian, y Rolf Turner. «Spatstat: An R Package for Analyzing Spatial Point Patterns». Journal of Statistical Software 12, n.º 6 (2005). doi:10.18637/jss.v012.i06. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v12/i06/>

See Also[spatstat](#)**Examples**

```

library(sp)
library(spatstat)

#load a SpatialPointsDataFrame
data("meuse.grid_ll")

# run function without contour
tspan(meuse.grid_ll,bw=0.0005)

#providing a contour as SpatialPointDataFrame
data("meuse.area")

#build the acontour layer
cont<-SpatialPoints(meuse.area, proj4string = CRS("+init=epsg:28992"))
#transform to meuse.grid_ll reference system
cont<-spTransform(cont, CRS("+init=epsg:4326"))

# run function with contour
tspan(meuse.grid_ll,bw=0.0005, cont = TRUE, acontour=cont)
{
  }

```

tsubset*Subset points from geotweets or SaptialPointsDataFrame*

Description

This function do a subset points over a polygon defined by a `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`. Takes the points within the Polygon and remove the points outside it.

Usage

```
tsubset(geotweets, pbox, transform=TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>geotweets</code>	input Geotagged tweets as a <code>SpatialPointsDataFrame</code> .
<code>pbox</code>	A <code>SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</code> to get the opoints over it.
<code>transform</code>	Option TRUE by default to transform the pbox CRS (Cordinate Reference System) to geotweets CRS.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
tweetsSubset<-tsubset(geotweets, pbox)

## End(Not run)
{
}
```

tweet2r

Set up parameters to file streaming and store tweets in a JSON file using Twitter Streaming API.

Description

Configuration of the start stop for retrieving tweets, also set up the search by bounding box or by key words, number of tweets retrieved (stored in a collection of JSON files) and set up of the file prefix to store the JSON files created during the connection to the to Twitter Streaming API. `tweet2r` Don't opens a connection to Twitter's Streaming API by himself but you can configure the tweeter connection as is described in [streamR](#) that will return public statuses that match your keywords or bounding box definition. It is very useful to set up start time and end time of the connection. Note that the end time will be delayed depending on the time needed to close the file for the number of tweets set up.

Usage

```
tweet2r(t_start,t_end, ntweets=NULL,keywords=NULL, bbox=NULL, fileprefix,
        consumerKey,consumerSecret,requestURL,accessURL,authURL)
```

Arguments

<code>t_start</code>	Configuration of the start time to retrieve tweets. It use the strptime function
<code>t_end</code>	Configuration of the end time to stop retrieving tweets. It use the strptime function
<code>ntweets</code>	Number of tweets retrieved per file. The stream connection remains open, but the tweets are being stored in the files each time arrives to number of tweets configured. Nevertheless the number of tweets retrieved could be less, that depends on twitter API)
<code>keywords</code>	Vector with the keywords used to retrieve tweets. More information in twitter developers web https://dev.twitter.com/streaming/overview/request-parameters
<code>bbox</code>	Vector with the bounding box coordinates from which you want to retrieve tweets. You will retrieve geotagged tweets as well as tweets from users that has in his profile this area as a residence https://dev.twitter.com/streaming/overview/request-parameters

fileprefix	Filprefix for the JSON file where the tweets will be stored. Avoid number at the begging this will be confusing for SQL database
consumerKey	Twitter API consumer key https://dev.twitter.com/oauth
consumerSecret	Twitter API consumer secret https://dev.twitter.com/oauth
requestURL	Twitter API url to request data https://dev.twitter.com
accessURL	Twitter API url to access https://dev.twitter.com
authURL	Twitter API authentication https://dev.twitter.com

Note

There is a API configuration by default, therefore it is not mandatory to configure a tweeter API's connection. Nevertheless this default connection could be overload sometimes or a user could prefer to use its own connection. The procedure is well described in [streamR](#) package

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See Also

[tweet2r](#), [parseTweets](#), [streamR](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

#Configuration fo twitter API connection
#this could be avoid and use the defoult configuration
requestURL <- "https://api.twitter.com/oauth/request_token"
accessURL <- "https://api.twitter.com/oauth/access_token"
authURL <- "https://api.twitter.com/oauth/authorize"
consumerKey <- sys.getenv("consumer_key")
consumerSecret <- sys.getenv("consumer_secret")

#definition of the start time and end time
t_start<-"2015-09-11 9:45:00"
t_end<-"2015-09-11 23:59:59"

#definition of the file prefix
fileprefix="tweets"
key=c("keyword1", "keyword2")

#definition number of tweets per file
number=3000

#running the function
tweet2r(t_start=t_start,t_end=t_end,ntweets=number,keywords=key,fileprefix = fileprefix
requestURL,accessURL,authURL,consumerKey,consumerSecret)
```

```
#running the function using bbox
#set up a bbox
bbox=c(-0.1644,39.8485,0.6916,40.0034)

tweet2r(start=start,end=end,ntweets=number,bbox=bbox,fileprefix = fileprefix
requestURL ,accessURL ,authURL ,consumerKey ,consumerSecret)

## End(Not run)
```

valjson

Json validation function

Description

Function to validate json files created by tweet2r. This function deletes json files with Tweeter streaming API messages and rename json files consecutively according to a fileprefix.

Usage

```
valjson(fileprefix)
```

Arguments

fileprefix Fileprefix name from json files

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See Also

[tweet2r](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
valjson(fileprefix)

## End(Not run)
```

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